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FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 21.

THE Chicago News in paying its respects to Logan's new book, "The Great Conspiracy," says: "Opposite the title page is a handsome steel portrait of the illustrious author, while scattered through the work are commoner wood cuts of the minor actors of the great drama, such as Lincoln, Douglas, Jefferson Davis, Seward, Trumbull and their predecessors—Webster, Clay, Hayne and Calhoun."

THERE is generally too much sympathy wasted on the viciously inclined. In most instances they do not deserve the sentimentalism that goes under the name of pity and which is so generously bestowed on the criminal by tender-hearted women who see in the blood-dyed human a hero. The punitive idea some day may be supplanted by the reformatory one and prisoners be kept under proper educational influences until they are restored to normal moral conditions.

THE financial condition of France and its ability to borrow money are the marvels of the age. It recently offered a heavy loan and it was quickly taken by the people and such was the demand for it that had a loan of three times the amount been placed in the market it would have been snapped up as easily. The French government has adopted the policy to put out their loans so as to interest the largest possible number of people, or in small amounts. This idea catches the peasant who delights to be called a bondholder. It also brings him into direct relation with the state so that he will always have an interest in maintaining its solvency. But notwithstanding the success of the government in interesting the small holders and in quickly placing its loans, there is no element of stability in the French debt, except its unmanageableness. As there are no stationary conditions to the indications are that it is of the balloon order of finance and likely to collapse at any moment.

GOVERNOR ROSS, now that he is confirmed, and in a position to stretch forth his hands, will do as the right-minded people of the territory supposed he would: He will work for the best interest of all. He sees that we have a goodly land here, that every industry needs protection and encouragement, and that in no way can the people be benefited so much as by a careful attention being shown to every influence that will develop the resources of the territory. The hearty, favorable spirit of trust and confidence which is being extended the governor on his return to the territory from Washington, is a pleasant assurance that the sentiment of the people of New Mexico, independent of parties, is a cordial one toward our chief executive officer. We are confident the administration of our affairs by the governor will meet with the approbation of the people, though possibly not of the politicians. This, however, is not very much of a politician's administration.

If the owners of the Las Vegas grant could come to some understanding among themselves and consent to the cutting up of the arable portion of the grant into small holdings, say into forty-acre tracts, there would be no difficulty in interesting parties in the east who are looking for suitable lands for colonization purposes, to buy them and start settlements here.

Albuquerque has caught the spirit of progress and is organizing a ditch company, to carry water upon the mesa land east of the city, which will then be cut up into small farms and sold to those who want to cultivate the soil. The cities of New Mexico need to lay hold of every resource that will contribute to their growth. This means to be wide-awake and to study out for ourselves how best to bring in men and money and interest them in what we have to offer on

every hand, so that they will become permanent factors of progression. The heavy land holders at Watrous, in Mora county, have set aside from their realty a block of land which will be divided up into small farms and sold to colonists. The success of the experiment for all parties interested cannot be questioned.

**NEW MEXICO DASHES.**

The people of New Mexico confidently appeal to the senate to pass Delegate Joseph's land grant bill, believing that it is a wise measure and the most feasible plan to settle land titles in the territory. A memorial from the people of this city is being prepared by a committee selected at a mass meeting, which will be forwarded to the senate, urging that body to take prompt and favorable action on Mr. Joseph's bill, which has already passed the house. This territory has been retarded in growth by the unsettled condition of titles to vast grants of land claimed under the Mexican government, and it is expected that the provisions of Mr. Joseph's bill will settle these claims, and throw open to settlers much of this unoccupied domain.

It was announced in the court this morning that the grand jury had been unable to find an indictment against W. K. P. Wilson, the late cashier of the Albuquerque National bank. Mr. Wilson was given a preliminary examination before Commissioner Whiting, where he was held by a bond of \$5,500. The commissioner decided that the evidence was not sufficient for the grand jury to indict, but still he did not think he was sufficiently versed in the law hearing on the questions involved to set the prisoner free. He therefore reduced the bond from \$5,500 to \$1,500 which in the estimation of the attorneys and citizens of this city was equal to an acquittal. The failure of the grand jury to find an indictment against the gentleman only emphasizes the fact of his innocence, and releases the entire city of Albuquerque. W. K. P. Wilson has been for years one of the most enterprising business men of this town, and he is looked upon by the best people of the place as a man of the strictest integrity. The combination of circumstances that got him into the present trouble is fully understood by the people, and now that he is fully exonerated, the general verdict is that he has been maliciously prosecuted.—Albuquerque Democrat.

It is an old saying and seems to be a true one that "Murther will out." About four years ago, J. G. Barney, W. H. McCullough and a Mexican started out from Alma, a little town in the western part of this county, on a prospecting tour through Arizona in quest of the Adams diggings, and were not heard from until a year since when their remains were discovered and identified by books and papers found near the skeleton remains. Since this discovery the eastern friends have put up money to ferret out the murderers. It has been found that they were killed by two Mexicans, one Navajo and two Pueblo Indians. One of the Mexicans was killed by the Barney party in their defense, and one of the Pueblos was executed upon confession by his own tribe. In his confession he gave the names of the other parties implicated in this and many other murders committed by them, and quite recently the other Pueblo Indian was arrested by Col. Walter G. Morgan, and was brought to Las Vegas for trial on last Monday, when the Indian made a confession corroborating the statement made by the Indian formerly executed, giving the names of the parties implicated, and the full particulars of the tragedy. They killed poor Barney and his comrades for money, and the villain admits that they committed many of the depredations attributed to the hostiles.—The Chieftain.

**Noble Sentiments.**

A gentleman of northern birth, a few days ago remarked to Col. Scott, of Alabama, at present stopping in our city, that he thanked God the bloody chasm about which there had been so much talk of late, was at last completely and permanently bridged, and that no more would be heard of it.

"No," replied Col. Scott, "not bridged. It is still up; and is being covered with a mat of grass and flowers, which shall grow fresher and thicker, greener and brighter, as the years roll on. In other words, the two sections know each other better, and admire each other more, and this knowledge and this admiration time will surely serve to strengthen and intensify."

Col. Scott might have added with correctness that the success of the Democratic party, the true national party of the country, the only party knowing neither north or south, has done more to contribute to this result than all other causes combined.

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